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GO SERV “SPOTLIGHT” HONORS OUTSTANDING SAN JOSE TEEN

San Jose High School Student Goes Above And Beyond to Help Area Youth

SACRAMENTO - The Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) is featuring John Thomas (J.T.) Do, a teen volunteer from San Jose. J.T. has accumulated over 600 community service hours during his high school career at Bellarmine College Preparatory.

“J.T. is one of those teenagers who is setting a new standard of excellence for his generation,” Executive Director of GO SERV, Chuck Supple said.

He has participated in many different service activities and traveled 3 times to Mexico, where he spent his spring break building houses for less fortunate Mexican families. He also has volunteered at O’Connor Hospital, Our Lady of Fatima Senior Villa, and the Plaza Maria Low Income Housing Facility, where he is currently serving.

In October 2002, J.T. started an after school program at the Plaza Maria Facility. He enlisted the help of 8 of his fellow students to work with him, enabling the program to run four days a week.

Some of J.T.’s work included giving the children a Halloween Party, which included creating costumes, face painting, games with prizes, and food items. In December, J.T. organized a Christmas Toy Drive for the children and a Christmas Dinner for all of the residents. His fellow students rallied behind him and purchased 65 new, child specific, toys for the children at Plaza Maria. The Christmas Dinner for all of the residents was a full spread with turkey and all of the trimmings.

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